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AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 30, 2002, please consider the following
amendment and remarks:

AMENDMENT

Please add the following claims:

23. A tampon of claim 1 wherein the removal cord has an interior portion and an exterior
such that the interior portion is contained within the rolled up web of absorbent material.

24. A tampon of claim 14 wherein the removal cord has an interior portion and an
exterior such that the interior portion is contained within the rolled up web of absorbent material.